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25 May 77

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Sayre Stevens
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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Acting Director, Center for Policy Support

FROM : Robert Gates

SUBJECT : Research on Contemporary Soviet Problems
Underway at Academic Institutions and
Attitudes Toward Cooperation with CIA

1. In working on the Directorate's Soviet production program and the priority intelligence projects plan this spring, I became aware that, as an institution, CIA is generally uninformed about research -- other than economic -- on the Soviet Union currently underway at academic institutions in this country. Some individuals within the DDI have excellent contacts in the academe but even these are limited and, more importantly, do not benefit the Directorate as a whole. Similarly, impressions within CIA of attitudes within academic institutions toward cooperation with the Agency on substantive problems were not based on a systematic canvass of desirable contacts across an entire field -- such as Sovietology -- and were over-generalized.

2. With these problems in mind, I began two months ago a series of visits to leading academic research centers working on the USSR and Eastern Europe with the purpose of finding out what useful research is underway, capabilities for and attitudes toward Agency-funded research, and broader attitudes toward cooperation with CIA. I visited and talked to or was briefed about the work of 66 Sovietologists at eight universities -- UCLA, Berkeley, Stanford, University of Washington, Indiana University, Ohio State, University of Michigan and University of Kansas -- and the RAND Corporation. Although I have been unable to complete my canvass with visits to major universities in the East, my talks in the West and Middle West yielded considerable information on leading schools, research centers and individual faculty members working on the USSR. That information is presented at Tab I. These talks also, in my view, provided a basis for conclusions of some importance to CIA and its relations with the academe in the Soviet area.

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Specifically:

- With the exception of two professors (one each at UCLA and Kansas), none of the academics with whom I talked are willing to accept Agency contracts for unclassified research or even to establish any kind of formal relationship to CIA, e.g., as consultants.
- On the other hand, virtually every faculty member is willing to participate in Agency-sponsored seminars and conferences on specific substantive topics. They are all willing to meet with Agency researchers working on problems of interest and to share ideas, information and experience.
- Only one scholar indicated any interest in participating in the Scholar-in-Residence program,
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- The most useful and successful tool currently employed by the Agency for improving its image among academics and for building confidence in our analytical capabilities is the distribution of unclassified Agency publications. Every academic I visited who already receives the documents expressed great enthusiasm for them and strongly urged that the program be continued. Those not on the list of recipients insisted that they be added.
- With the exception of OER and OSI, there would seem to be insufficient effort in the Soviet field in CIA to maintain regular and close contact with academic specialists. Individual contacts exist, of course, but these tend to be very limited. Attempts to involve academics in researcher to researcher dialogue, Agency-sponsored seminars or the review of less sensitive draft reports and memoranda are few and far between.

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3. As suggested above, the possibilities for and value of contract research in the academe vary but generally are quite limited. In my view, contract work with most of those I visited would be difficult to monitor and of limited value -- even if it could be arranged. There is little capability for organized research involving more than one member of a faculty and the outlook for interdisciplinary research involving several departments is bleak indeed. Many academics work on subjects having low priority in our research program.

4. There are two areas, however, in which closer cooperation could be beneficial:

- Several academics are deeply involved in basic research on topics of present or potential interest to us. It would be quite worthwhile for our analysts working on similar problems to establish contact with these people and try to maintain a dialogue. The different perspective of the academic, his time to investigate unclassified resources thoroughly, his research experience, his Soviet contacts and first hand familiarity with many aspects of Soviet life could prove quite useful to our analysts.
- A number of senior academic Sovietologists, while not current in Soviet affairs, have long experience in dealing with the Soviets and in studying problems of the USSR. It would be of considerable value to us, in my view, to take advantage of that experience and perspective through conferences on Soviet issues and by inviting certain of these scholars to review and comment upon selected papers by Agency analysts while still in draft.

Recommendations

5. Based on the foregoing, I recommend:

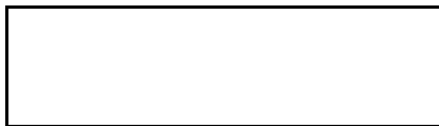
- That DDI managers encourage closer collegial contact between experienced, able analysts and academics working on similar problems for the purpose of sharing ideas, research experience and unclassified information;

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- That CPS issues officers or appropriate office division chiefs arrange periodic, small seminars between Agency specialists and academics working on similar problems;
- That trustworthy academic Sovietologists be invited to review and comment on draft Agency papers on selected topics, particularly those concerning Soviet political and military intentions, foreign policies and internal economic and political developments.
- That the Agency program of distributing unclassified DDI products be continued.



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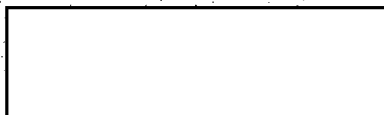
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

The attached memorandum was prepared by Bob Gates formerly of our Center for Policy Support, now seconded to the NSC Staff. It represents a good rundown on Soviet work being done in universities on the Pacific Coast and in the Midwest. I thought you might find it of interest.



Sayre Stevens
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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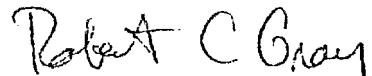
no better way to humanize the image of the Agency than to expose students to impressive and knowledgeable analysts.

Fourth, I hope that ways can be found to promote personnel exchanges between academia and the Agency. You have many analysts who have Ph.D.'s, some of them with teaching experience. And there are numerous academics who would welcome the opportunity of spending a year or two at the CIA doing analytical work. Despite the difficulties posed by the necessary security clearances, I feel that individuals and institutions would benefit from this two-way flow of personnel.

Finally, I wonder if you could institute a CIA program similar to the State Department's Scholar-Diplomat Program. Professors are brought to State to spend a week meeting in seminars and working with persons in their geographic or functional specialties. The program was, I believe, instituted during the Vietnam War to foster better relations between State and colleges. Since its founding, over one thousand professors have gone through the program, to the tremendous benefit of the State Department. I can think of no better time to institute a similar program at CIA.

Best wishes to you as you lead the CIA in the years ahead. I hope that you may find my suggestions worth considering.

Sincerely yours,



Robert C. Gray
Assistant Professor

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Mr. Robert C. Gray
Department of Government
Franklin and Marshall College
Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17604

February 26, 1976

Dear Sir:

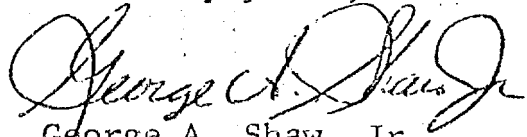
I acknowledge your request of Feb. 23, 1976, for one of the titles included in the Central Intelligence Agency's Reference Aid series.

The Reference Aid series is available to non-members of the Documents Expediting Project only on a subscription basis, at an annual cost of \$200.00 plus \$25.00 for postage.

The attached list shows the titles in the CIA Reference Aid series issued since June, 1974. A subscription will include all back issues which are still available.

If you wish to enter a subscription for this series, your check in the amount of \$225.00 should be made payable to the Documents Expediting Project, and should be sent to me as soon as possible, for the number of subscriptions we will be able to accept for this series is limited.

Sincerely yours,



George A. Shaw, Jr.
Documents Expediter

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DI Executive Secretary

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Remarks: Please coordinate and prepare response for DCI signature, via DDCI. Note citation of DDI's [redacted] as "single most impressive speaker;" DDI please inform [redacted] and see that copy is put in his personnel file. *OK*

George T. [redacted]

D/ Executive Secretary
27 May 77
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I had [redacted] speak in my Foreign Policy Analysis course and he was the single most impressive speaker to campus. Even skeptics of the Agency were intelligence and sophistication. I realize climate there are difficulties posed by the too actively the presence of Agency personnel as this climate changes, I urge you to pursue

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Dr. Hubertus L. Bloemer
Director
Cartographic Center
Ohio University
Athens, Ohio 45701

Dear Dr. Bloemer,

Thank you for your letter of 28 April 1977.
I have passed along your kind remarks to our
cartographers, and they have assured me that they
value these professional contacts in academia such
as your group represents. My best wishes to you
and your students.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

STANSFIELD TURNER

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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director
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Attached is a response to Dr. Bloemer
of Ohio University, who recently wrote
you a letter of praise to our cartographers.

[Redacted Signature]

SAYRE STEVENS
Deputy Director for Intelligence

Date 16 MAY 1977

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DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY April 28, 1977

OHIO UNIVERSITY

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The Honorable Admiral Stanfield Turner
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

On April 20, 1977, it was my pleasure to bring a group (total of 26) of advanced cartography and aerial photography - remote sensing students to the C.I.A.'s cartographic division as part of my annual field trip to the Washington, D. C. area's better equipped cartographic and remote sensing facilities. The manner in which the tour through the agency's facilities was conducted was entirely commendable. The academic level with which [redacted] and his staff approached the various aspects of cartography at the C.I.A. impressed every member of my group. The personable and pleasant attitude of the staff (about 15 of whom joined our group for lunch to discuss cartography at the C.I.A. around small tables) made a lasting impression upon my group; removing in the minds of many the stereo-type impressions of agency employees.

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The group unanimously agreed that the tour of the cartographic facilities at the C.I.A. was the most pleasant and worthwhile learning experience. Your competition came from the United States Geological Survey, the United States Army Engineering Topographic Laboratories and The National Aeronautical Space Administration.

On behalf of my students as well as myself, I wish to thank the agency, [redacted] and their staff for guiding us through a most worthwhile learning experience.

Sincerely yours,

Hubertus (Hugh) L. Bloemer

Hubertus (Hugh) L. Bloemer
Assistant Professor
Director, Cartographic Center

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Professor Kenneth E. F. Watt
Department of Zoology
University of California at Davis
Davis, California 95616

Dear Professor Watt:

I wish to thank you for your letter of April 22nd, enclosing the thought-provoking paper on the vulnerability of certain U.S. installations and the economic structures dependent on them to sophisticated attacks by terrorists. The letter and your students' paper are being referred to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Responsibility at the federal government level for countering such activity in the United States rests with that agency.

A copy of a recent Central Intelligence Agency study on international and transnational terrorism, which may be of interest to you and your two students, is enclosed.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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Attachment

copy of C/PCS/ITC's memo to FBI provided to all on distribution

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